

## **Erie County Home Energy Assistance Program 2017-2018**

## Dear HEAP Applicant,

- 1. If your heat or electric service is off, please report to HEAP at 478 Main Street, Buffalo
- 2. If you have a **shut off notice or low fuel supply,** please call HEAP at 858-7644
- 3. <u>If your heat is on and you do not have a shut off notice</u>, please apply by mail (see below for instructions), or on line at www.MyBenefits.ny.gov
- 4. If you <u>were approved for HEAP last season</u> (November 2016 April 2017) and are <u>NOT receiving SNAP</u> or TA:
  - a. Complete and sign the application
  - b. Send proof of all household **earned Income** (paystubs from wages for last 30 days)
  - c. List all sources of other household income and amounts, but **no proof of unearned income** is needed (Social Security, SSD, SSI, Pension, unemployment, Worker's Comp., etc.)
  - d. If there are any new members in your household, that were <u>not</u> in household last season:
    - i. Enclose photocopy of 1 form of ID (license, SS card, birth cert, etc.) **only for** <u>new</u> **member(s)**
- 5. If you are receiving SNAP or TA:
  - a. Complete and sign the application
  - b. <u>If there are any new members in your household</u> that were not in HH when SNAP or TA was approved:
    - i. Enclose photocopy of 1 form of ID (license, SS card, birth cert, etc.) <u>only for new</u> member(s)
  - c. If you moved after your SNAP or TA case was opened, include a copy of current heating bill
- 6. If you did not receive HEAP last season and do not receive SNAP or TA:
  - a. Complete and sign the application. Enclose the following documentation:
    - i. <u>ID for all household members</u>
      - 1. photocopy of 1 form for all members (Dr license, Social Security card, Birth Cert)
    - ii. <u>List Social Security Numbers on application</u> (no copies needed) for ALL household members
    - iii. Proof of Gross income for all HH members
      - 1. photocopies of income proof for all income listed on page 3 of application
        - a. if there are wages, copies of 2 or 4 stubs must be enclosed (depending on how often paid)
    - iv. Photocopies of current heat and electric bills

Please visit www.erie.gov and follow the HEAP link for detailed program information